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EVALUATION

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. The former German LODZ-RUDA PARTANICKA (Q 52/O 93) airfield, located about 1,600 feet west of the southern town sector of LODZ and about 5,000 feet south of the LODZ-KALISCH (P 55/N 55) RR line, was destroyed in 1945. It has no runways. Its east-west dimension was estimated at 6,600 feet, its north-south dimension at 5,300 feet. A diagonal runway, exactly 5,300 feet long and 200 feet wide, extending about from northeast to southwest, was built between December 1945 and December 1946. Its concrete cover was 4.5 inches thick. The remaining airfield had a grass cover. The two ends of the runway were connected by a circular road, 25 feet wide. One of the two destroyed hangars was rebuilt by a Polish construction firm; it was a steel structure, about 130 x 150 feet. The airfield approach road, coming from the east, ran around the southern field section to the southwestern side.

2. The field was occupied by a ground attack unit equipped with about 24 aircraft in December 1946; the field personnel were quartered on the western town border. Description of aircraft: Low-wing monoplane; in-line engine; two-seater; cockpit far back to the rear; flexible cannon or machine gun in cockpit firing to the rear; retractable landing gear. Several U-2 biplanes were also parked at the field. One twin-engine "Douglas" commercial plane, which flew the BREST LITOWSK (S 53/M 87) WARSAW-LODZ-DANZIG (Q 55/Y 42) line, landed at the airfield every day.

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